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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

To conduct research on the economics of production, distribution, and utilization and conservation in their broadest aspects; and in cooperation with other interested agencies to formulate coordinated, department-wide plans for agricultural improvement in these fields.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

To direct and coordinate all administrative matters relating to budget, accounting, personnel, procurement, and other general services designed to secure and maintain efficient performance in carrying out objectives of the Bureau.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE

To investigate, analyze, and report on the economic finance phases of agricultural programs and problems and make recommendations for agricultural finance programs and policies.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

To conduct the crop and livestock reporting service, and issue current estimates of farm production, utilization, values, prices, and other farm and marketing statistics.

ECONOMIC INFORMATION

To direct the information work both of the research and planning phases of the Bureau, including publications, visual and other.

FARM MANAGEMENT AND COSTS

To study the economic utilization of resources in farm production, to assist in formulation of farming programs for agricultural areas, and to appraise changes in farming policies and programs.

FARM POPULATION AND RURAL WELFARE

To study the human and social aspects of agriculture, make findings available and develop plans and programs for adjustments.

LAND ECONOMICS

To conduct economic studies in land and water use and land values and tenure in agriculture including economic analysis for flood control and water facilities programs.

MARKETING AND TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH

To study problems of agricultural marketing and transportation of farm products, develop programs to promote greater efficiency in distribution and protect producer and consumer.

PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT

To contact action programs; to study and assist in developing recommendations for changes or revisions in such programs; and otherwise help in developing a well-rounded agricultural program.

PROGRAM STUDY AND DISCUSSION

To study the broad social and economic agricultural policies, to promote general understanding and participation in their development and administration by leadership training and community discussion programs.

PROGRAM SURVEYS

To study the factors affecting farmers' reactions to agricultural problems and farm programs by a system of continuous field reporting.

STATISTICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH

To apply statistical and historical methods in analysis of economic problems of agriculture and interpret and report on the current situations.

THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics is the economic and social research agency of the Department of Agriculture. It is the Department's fact-finder in agricultural statistics, in prices, demand and supply, costs and income, marketing, transportation, manpower, credit, taxation, land and water utilization, rural welfare, and other aspects of agricultural production and distribution. Through its analyses and interpretations of the facts collected, it provides a basis for the formulation and guidance of national agricultural policies.

The Divisions of Work shown on the inside of the cover page indicate the varied activities of the Bureau. In the Nation's present all-out war program, the Bureau is expected to furnish the basic data and analyses which the Nation must have in order to determine what wartime food and fiber requirements must be met and how these needs can best be satisfied. In war and peace alike, the underlying function of the Bureau is to expedite the production and distribution of ample supplies of agricultural commodities at prices reasonable for the consumer yet high enough to allow a fair return to people living on farms.

In these activities the Bureau studies continuously the shifting economic and social conditions that always are bearing upon agriculture. It analyzes a wide variety of problems affecting individual farm enterprises and related agricultural businesses. It points out methods by which farmers may adjust their enterprises to changed conditions, and provides information to assist farmers in determining what and how much to produce, how to finance and manage their farms, and how and when to market their products.

The wide scope of the reports and publications listed in the following pages reflects these varied activities.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS 1/

SITUATION AND OUTLOOK REPORTS

SITUATION REPORTS

Seventeen "situation" reports provide information to those who wish to follow the agricultural situation. They provide a means of keeping up to date on the outlook for farm products, latest developments in the field of marketing and transportation of food products, and the month-to-month trend of farm income.

Two general reports, the first designated particularly for farmers and the second adapted to the requirements of economists, extension workers, and business men, provide information to those who wish to follow the general agricultural situation and the outlook for the chief farm products.

The Agricultural Situation - A printed periodical issued about the 18th of each month. Contains brief summaries and a limited number of tables showing the price and production situations for the more important farm products. Brief articles dealing with current economic problems of agriculture are included. This publication is designated primarily for those who are interested in following the general situation for agriculture from a nontechnical standpoint. Free distribution is limited to U. S. Department of Agriculture or State College workers or cooperators, to agricultural libraries, and the press. Others may obtain it from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at a subscription price of 50 cents a year (foreign rate, 70 cents).

The Demand and Price Situation - A processed monthly review of the factors affecting the demand for farm products, and of general trends in the prices of farm products, wholesale prices of other products, and farm income. It also contains summaries of the price situation and the outlook for the major farm products. This publication, issued about the 20th of each month, provides more detailed and technical analyses than "The Agricultural Situation".

The Farm Income Situation - A monthly processed report issued about the 25th of each month. It contains estimates of cash farm income from marketings and Government payments in the preceding month, with separate estimates of income from the principal groups of commodities. It contains estimates of income by States from sales of crops, sales of livestock and livestock products. Government payments by States are reported in August and February. Annual estimates of cash and gross income by States for major farm commodities, estimates of volume of agricultural production for sale and home consumption and of selected farm expenses are presented from time to time, supplementing the Income Parity reports listed on pages 29 and 30.

The Marketing and Transportation Situation - Issued monthly about the 28th, this processed report is divided into three parts: (1) a summary, with statistical tables, of price spreads between the farmer and the consumer, and related information of marketing charges, consumer expenditures for food products, and the share

of the consumer's dollar received by farmers; (2) summaries of latest developments in the field of marketing and transportation of food products, having general significance to marketing research and extension workers, agricultural businessmen, farm leaders, and consumer groups; (3) a special article dealing with some marketing or transportation problem of particular current significance, or summarizing the results of Bureau research that are especially timely or that may be unsuited to separate publication. Each fall the outlook for marketing and transportation for the succeeding year is analyzed, and soon after the end of each calendar year the data for the past year as a whole are given and comparisons with the preceding years.

The National Food Situation - This processed report summarizes the food situation each month. It contains statistical tables showing the index numbers of retail food prices and nonagricultural income payments, the distribution of food supplies and the per capita consumption of major foods by income levels. Summaries of the indications for supply, production, marketing, and consumption of major foods and special articles are contained in each issue. Each fall one issue contains a survey for the year as a whole and the outlook for the succeeding year.

Individual Commodity Situation Reports - Mimeographed reports designed to give a rather complete picture of the supply, demand, price, and outlook situation for each of the more important farm products for which adequate information is available, are issued periodically. They contain information on the outlook for agricultural commodities to aid in planning production and marketing. Tables and charts contain current figures on acreage, yield, production, market movement, stocks, consumption, and prices, and there are comparisons with other significant periods. From time to time, the results of special studies relating to the prices of the respective commodities are included.

Thus, persons who receive one of the two general situation reports, and the situation report for the commodity of particular interest, are able to keep up to date on the price situation and outlook for that commodity.

The following commodity situation reports are issued as indicated:

The Fats and Oils Situation - monthly - issued about the 14th

The Dairy Situation - monthly - issued about the 16th

The Livestock and Wool Situation - monthly - issued about the 18th

The Poultry and Egg Situation - monthly - issued about the 20th

The Feed Situation - monthly - issued about the 26th

The Cotton Situation - monthly - issued about the 27th

The Wheat Situation - bimonthly except July and August - issued about the 25th

The Fruit Situation - January, June, August, and October - issued about the 21st

The Tobacco Situation - January, March, July, and September - issued about the 28th

The Vegetable Situation - Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter - issued about the 30th

The World Sugar Situation - annually - issued about May or June

The Rice Situation - issued as outlook information becomes available.

ANNUAL OUTLOOK INFORMATION

Annual outlook statements are published in the Situation Reports at the times which will help the farmer to prepare his production and marketing plans for the coming year. Shorter-term outlook material is included in the Situation Reports from month to month.

Each year an entire issue of "The Agricultural Situation", usually the November number, contains an outlook summary for the coming year.

In addition to the regular outlook service in the Situation Reports and the brief summaries appearing in "The Agricultural Situation", special material on the outlook is issued as the need arises. Outlook material is listed on pages 31 and 32. The annual reports entitled, The Agricultural Outlook (mimeographed) and The Farm Outlook (printed) have been discontinued.

Outlook Chart Book - This book contains charts which have been selected as those most likely to be of use to Extension Workers in presenting the basic facts for the major crop and livestock industries. Subjects covered by the charts include the principal crops, livestock, oilseeds, farm family living, demand, credit, and prices, with data and explanatory legends.

Charts and Maps - Lists of economic and outlook charts are issued for the use of economic workers and teachers. Photographic prints of charts and maps are for sale at 30 cents each for 8" x 10" prints. Outlook charts can be supplied, 30" x 40" in size, for 25 cents each on blueprint paper, and for 40 cents each on blackline paper. Single bromide enlargements of charts and maps, other than the outlook charts, 30" x 40" in size, will be made for \$1.00 each.

FARM INCOME REPORTS

Cash Income - Issued annually in February, this report gives preliminary estimates of cash income for the preceding calendar year and revisions for earlier years. These estimates and revisions show United States total income from marketings of the principal crops and groups of livestock and livestock products as well as Government payments. The report contains estimates of cash income by States from sales of crops, sales of livestock and livestock products, and Government payments, with comparisons for earlier years. Special reports are also issued giving revised data for the United States by months for groups of commodities; and by States and by months for total crops and total livestock and livestock products.

Gross Income - This report, issued annually about May or June, presents estimates for the preceding calendar year of gross income by commodities for the United States and gross income by States from crops, livestock and livestock products, and Government payments.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION REPORTS

The Crop and Livestock Reporting Service- includes an extensive program of periodic reports on crop production and related information. These reports are issued by the Washington office for the country as a whole, and are re-issued through the 41 field offices (see page) with emphasis on local conditions.

The reports are given general distribution by press and radio. Mimeographed copies are distributed immediately after release to persons who request them. Much of the information shown in these reports is summarized quarterly in the statistical periodical, "Crops and Markets."

A detailed schedule of release dates for the various crop and Livestock reports to be issued by the Crop Reporting Board during 1943 follows:

REPORTS ON COTTON

(Released at 11:00 A.M. , E.W.T.)

April 28:	Acreage, yield per acre, production of cotton lint and seed, value of production of lint, disposition and value of cottonseed, cottonseed meal used as fertilizer on cotton farms, monthly marketings by farmers, reduction from full yield per acre due to boll weevil and other causes. (1942 crop)
July 8:	Acreage of cotton in cultivation on July 1.
August 3:	Condition as of August 1, indicated yield per acre, indicated production, commercial fertilizer used on cotton.
September 8:	Condition as of September 1, indicated yield per acre, indicated production, percentage of acreage abandoned since July 1, acreage for harvest.
October 8:	Condition as of October 1, indicated yield per acre, indicated production.
November 8:	Yield per acre as of November 1, probable production.
December 8:	Yield per acre as of December 1, probable production, gross weight per running bale, acreage for harvest, acreage in cultivation July 1.

* For a complete description of the Crop and Livestock Reporting Service of the United States Department of Agriculture see Miscellaneous Publication No. 171.

GENERAL REPORTS ON CROP PRODUCTION

(Released at 3:00 P.M., E.W.T.)

- January 11: Stocks of corn for grain, wheat, and oats on farms as of January 1; acreage of flaxseed seeded in Arizona, California, and Texas; milk production; poultry and egg production; indicated production of citrus fruits (1942-43 crop).
- February 10: Milk production; grain fed per milk cow; poultry and egg production; indicated production of citrus fruits (1942-43 crop).
- March 10: Milk production; poultry and egg production; indicated production of citrus fruits (1942-43).
- March 19: Prospective Planting for 1943 as indicated by reported intentions for corn, durum wheat, other spring wheat, oats, barley, flaxseed, rice, all sorghums, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, tobacco, dry edible beans, dry field peas, soybeans, cowpeas, peanuts, and sugar beets; acreage of tame hay for harvest.
- April 9: Acreage seeded, indicated yield per seeded acre as of April 1 and indicated production of winter wheat; condition of rye and pasture; for certain States, condition of peaches and potatoes; stocks of corn for grain, wheat, and oats on farms as of April 1; milk production; poultry and egg production; indicated production of citrus fruits (1942-43 crop). For 1942 crops, acreage, yield per acre, production, and value of production of tobacco by types and classes; acreage and production of sugar beets and sugarcane, and production of beet and cane sugar, sugar beet pulp, and products of cane ground for sugar.

On April 10 a table showing reported condition by States as of April 1, of winter wheat, will be supplied to people who make special request. A similar table will be available on the day following the reports of May 10 to October 11, inclusive, showing reported condition of principal crops.

- May 10: Acreage remaining for harvest as of May 1, yield per acre and indicated production of winter wheat and rye; percentage of abandonment of winter wheat seedings; condition of tame hay, pasture, and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; stocks of hay on farms; for certain States, condition of oats, potatoes, peaches, pears, and grapes; indicated production of citrus fruits (1942-43 crop); indicated production of peaches in 10 early southern States and of Florida limes (1943 crop); production of maple products (1943 crop); milk production; poultry and egg production.

- June 10: Indicated yield per acre as of June 1 of winter wheat and rye; indicated production of winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, peaches, pears, cherries, apricots, California plums, and prunes, Florida limes (1943 crop), and citrus fruits (1942-43 crop); stocks of barley and rye on farms; condition of hay, pasture, apples (commercial), citrus fruits, and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; for certain States, condition of potatoes and grapes; milk production; poultry and egg production.
- July 9: Stocks of corn for grain, wheat, and oats on farms as of July 1; planted acreage of corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, flaxseed, rice, potatoes, dry edible beans, dry field peas, (all sorghums (excluding sirup), and sugar beets; acreage for harvest, indicated yield per acre as of July 1, and indicated production of corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, rice, hay, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, sugarcane for sugar and seed, dry edible beans, dry field peas, and hops; acreage grown alone for all purposes of soybeans, cowpeas, velvet beans and peanuts; acreage for harvest of sugarcane for sirup, sorghum for sirup, and all sorghums (excluding sirup); condition of peanuts; indicated production of peaches, pears, grapes, cherries, apricots, plums, prunes, California almonds and walnuts, Florida limes (1943 crop), and citrus fruits (1942-43 crop); condition of pasture, apples (commercial), citrus fruits, and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; milk production; poultry and egg production.
- August 10: Yield per acre as of August 1 and indicated production of corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, all sorghums for grain, hay, dry edible beans, dry field peas, peanuts, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, tobacco, sugar, beets, sugarcane for sugar and seed, broomcorn, and hops; acreage of buckwheat, all sorghums for grain, peanuts picked and threshed, and broomcorn; stocks of rice on farms as of Aug. 1; indicated production of apples (commercial), peaches, pears, grapes, cherries, apricots, plums, prunes, almonds, walnuts, filberts, and pecans; condition of pasture, soybeans, cowpeas, citrus fruits, and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; milk production; poultry and egg production.
- September 10: Indicated yield per acre as of September 1 and indicated production of corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, all sorghums for grain, tame hay, wild hay, dry edible beans, dry field peas, soybeans (principal States), peanuts, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, sugarcane for sugar and seed, broomcorn, and hops; acreage of soybeans for beans (principal States); indicated production of apples (commercial), peaches, pears, grapes, plums, prunes, apricots, cranberries, almonds, walnuts, filberts, and pecans; condition of pasture, soybeans, cowpeas, citrus fruits, and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; milk production; poultry and egg production.

- October 11: Stocks of corn for grain, wheat, and oats on farm as of October 1; indicated yield per acre and indicated production of corn, all wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, all sorghums for grain, tame hay, dry edible beans, soybeans (principal States), peanuts, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, sugarcane for sugar and seed, broomcorn, and hops; indicated production of apples (commercial), peaches, pears, grapes, plums, prunes, cranberries, citrus fruits (1943-44 crop), almonds, walnuts, filberts, and pecans; condition of pasture and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; indicated yield per acre of soybeans for beans (all States) and cowpeas; milk production; poultry and egg production.
- November 10: Indicated yield per acre as of November 1 and indicated production of corn, buckwheat, rice, all sorghums for grain, dry edible beans, soybeans (principal States), peanuts, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, sugarcane for sugar and seed, sugarcane sirup, and sorgo sirup; production of apples (commercial), pears, grapes, cranberries, citrus fruits, almonds, walnuts, filberts, and pecans; condition of pasture and miscellaneous fruits and nuts; milk production; poultry and egg production.
- December 10: Stocks of barley and rye on farms as of Dec. 1; indicated production of citrus fruits (1943-44 crop); milk production; poultry and egg production.
- December 17: Annual summary of acreage, yield per acre, and production of all crops.
- December 20: Seeded acreage, condition as of December 1, and indicated production of winter wheat and acreage and condition of rye for harvest in 1944.

STILL REPORTS ON CROP PRODUCTION

Wheat Stocks in Interior Mills, Elevators, and Warehouses: 3:00 P.M., January 25, April 23, July 23, and October 25.

Peanut Stocks and Processing: 3:00 P.M., 18th of each month. 1/

Potato Stocks (Jan. 1) and Disposition: 3:00 P.M., January 26.

Onion Stocks (Jan. 1) 3:00 P.M., January 18.

Cabbage Stocks (Jan. 1): 3:00 P.M., January 18.

Commercial Truck Crops for Fresh Market and Processing:

Fresh Market Crops: Acreage, production, and condition of crops in areas of current importance. January 8 and 22; February 9; March 9 and 22; April 8 and 22; May 8 and 22; June 9 and 23; July 8 and 22; August 10; September 9 and 22; October 8 and 22; November 9; December 8 and 17.

Processing Crops: Acreage, production, and condition of crops in areas of current interest. January 8; March 9; April 8 and 22; May 6 and 20; June 9 and 23; July 8 and 22; August 10; September 9; October 11; November 10; December 8 and 17.

Truck Crop News: 6th and 20th of each month. 1/

Fruit and Nut Crop Prospects: April 15, May 14, June 15.

Cranberries: Indicated production, 1:00 P.M., August 24.

Seed Production Forecasts:

June 18	Crimson Clover	Aug. 13	Timothy	Oct. 15	Alfalfa
June 25	White Clover (La.)	Aug. 20	White Clover	Oct. 16	Sudan Grass
July 2	Kentucky Bluegrass		(Wis. & Idaho)	Oct. 20	Sunflower
July 16	Orchard Grass	Aug. 20	Alsike Clover	Nov. 12	Lespedeza
July 16	Meadow Fescue	Sept. 17	Sweetclover	Dec. 31	Certified
July 16	Redtop	Oct. 1	Red Clover		Seed Potatoes

In addition, the following reports on seeds will be issued during the year; Relative production of carpet grass, millets and sorghos on August 28, October 29, and November 5, respectively; mustard-seed production, preliminary August 25, final November 19; winter-cover crops (vetches, winter peas, and ryegrass) production forecast, August 27; crested wheatgrass, bromegrass, and western wheatgrass production, September 24. Reports on prices, movement, stocks, shipments, disposition, and sales of important field seeds also will be issued at appropriate intervals during the year.

Farm Disposition and Sales of Crops (except cotton and tobacco): April 23. Similar information for cotton and cottonseed will appear in the April 28 cotton report; for tobacco, in the April 9 general crop report.

Percentage of Corn Acreage Planted with Hybrid Seed: On or about Aug. 1.

Monthly Sales of Principal Field Crops: On or about Nov. 15.

REPORTS ON LIVESTOCK

(Released at Washington, D. C., at 12:00 O'clock Noon E.W.T.)

January 13: Cattle on feed for market on January 1.

January 15: Sheep and lambs on feed for market on January 1.

February 18: Number and Value of Livestock including poultry, on farms on January 1, 1943.

March 4: Wool Production and Income, 1942.

March 5: Mohair Production and Income, 1942.

March 12: Early Lamb Crop as of March 1 (10 States).

April 13: Development of Early Lamb Crop, as of April 1.

April 14: Cattle on Feed for Market, Corn Belt States, as of April 1.

April 30: Farm Production and Income from Meat Animals, 1942.

May 12: Development of Early Lamb Crop, as of May 1.

June 25: Spring Pig Crop, and fall farrowings indicated by breeding intentions as of June 1.

August 5: U. S. Lamb Crop, 1943, Number and percentage of Breeding Ewes.

August 12: Cattle on Feed for Market, Corn Belt States, as of August 1.

August 13: Production of Shorn Wool, 1943.

October 14: Cattle Feeding Situation as of October 1.

October 15: Lamb Feeding Situation as of October 1.

November 11: Cattle Feeding Situation as of November 1.

November 12: Lamb Feeding Situation as of November 1.

December 14: Cattle Feeding Situation as of December 1.

December 15: Lamb Feeding Situation as of December 1.

December 23: Fall Pig Crop of 1943, and Spring Farrowings in 1944 indicated by Breeding Intentions.

(Released at Denver, Colorado)

April 9: Condition of Flint Hills and Osage Pastures as of April 1.

June 11: Shipments of Cattle into Flint Hills and Osage Pastures as of June 1.

Condition of Ranges, Cattle, and Sheep issued about 10th of each month.

REPORTS ON HONEY AND BEESWAX

Honey and Beeswax: Production and stocks of honey and beeswax, and season average prices, 1942: January 5.

Production, disposition and value of honey and beeswax, 1942: March 20.

Number and condition of colonies: condition of nectar plants, stocks of honey and beeswax and current prices: May 20.

Preliminary estimate of number of colonies, production and stocks of honey and current prices: September 20.

REPORTS ON POULTRY AND EGGS

Egg Production: Number of layers on hand during month, eggs per 100 layers, total eggs produced, issued with Crop Production Report about the 10th of each month. (Separate Poultry and Egg Production Report discontinued for the duration of the war.)

Potential Layers, Young Chickens, and Hens on farms as of first of month issued with Crop Production Reports, January 11 and October 11.

Numbers of Chicks and Young Chickens of Current Year's Hatchings on hand as of April 1, May 1, and June 1, issued with Crop Production Report, June 10.

Chickens Raised on Farms, preliminary estimates, 1943, issued with Crop Production Report, August 10.

Hatchery Production: Salable chicks hatched and eggs set during preceding month, chicks booked as of 1st of month: 15th of each month. 1/

Liquid and Dried Egg Production: Production, by classes, and utilization during preceding month: 21st of each month. 1/

Turkey Production indicated by reported intentions as of February 1: March 12.

Turkey Production: Numbers raised indicated by number on hand as of Aug. 1: August 25.

Farm Production and Income from Chickens and Eggs, 1942: March 24.

Farm Production and Income from Turkeys, 1942: April 2.

REPORTS ON MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

Dairy Production: Milk production per cow by States, 1st of month, and U.S. milk production on farms for preceding month issued with General Crop Report about the 10th of each month. (Separate Dairy Production Report discontinued for the duration of the war).

Amount of Grain Fed per Milk Cow as of first of month:

Averages for crop reporters' herds issued with Crop Production Reports, February 10 and December 10.

Averages for dairy reporters' herds issued with Crop Production Reports, May 10, August 10, and November 10.

Mid-Year Estimates of Changes in Milk Cow Numbers: issued with Crop Production Report, August 10.

Kind of Grain Fed to Milk Cows: issued with Crop Production Report, December 10.

Milk Cows on Farms, Milk Production per cow and Total Milk Production, 1942, by States: February 16.

Farm Production and Income from Milk, 1942: April 15.

Dairy Marketing:

Weekly Creamery Butter Production: Tuesday of each week. (Released at Chicago, Ill., 1103 New Post Office Bldg.)

Weekly American Cheese Production: Wednesday of each week. (Released at Chicago, Ill., 1103 New Post Office Bldg.)

Weekly Wisconsin Warehouse Cheese Report: Thursday of each week. (Released at Chicago, Ill., 1103 New Post Office Bldg.)

Fluid Milk Prices in City Markets: 12th of each month. 1/

Monthly Creamery Butter and American Cheese Production: Detail, by Regions, 25th of each month. 1/ (Released at Chicago, Ill., 1103 New Post Office Bldg.)

Evaporated, Condensed, and Dried Milk Report: 25th of each month. 1/

Dried Casein Report: 28th of each month. 1/

Evaporated and Condensed Milk, Wholesale Grocers' Stocks: January 22, April 22, July 22, October 22.

Production of Manufactured Dairy Products in 1942: On or about December 28.

1/ Unless Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays conflict, in which case release in on the next business day.

REPORTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received by farmers for principal crops and livestock products, Index Numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers for Articles Bought and Parity Prices, January 29, February 26, March 30, April 29, May 31, June 29, July 29, August 30, September 29, October 29, November 30, December 30.

REPORTS ON FARM LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Family labor and hired labor on farms, wage rates (quarterly): January 14, February 12, March 12, April 14, May 14, June 14, July 14, August 13, September 14, October 14, November 12, December 14.

----- STATISTICAL SUMMARY -----

The Statistical Summary is a 2-page monthly roundup of current information on farm income, farm employment, marketing margins, production, stocks, and indications for principal crops and livestock and livestock products. It is prepared for ready-reference desk use. It also contains tables showing current index numbers for agriculture and parity prices for farm products compared with actual prices received.

----- FARM POPULATION ESTIMATES -----

Farm Population - A report containing annual estimates of the number of persons living on farms, the movement from farms to towns and cities and from towns and cities to farms, as well as the number of births and deaths in farm population. These estimates are based on returns from farmers, supplemented by vital statistics and census data. Besides the total figures for the United States there are tables by geographic divisions. Released about June 15 each year in mimeographed form. A summary is printed in "The Agricultural Situation".

COST-OF-PRODUCTION REPORT

Cost-of-Production - A report showing annual estimates of the costs of producing corn, wheat, and oats, in groups of States, and of producing cotton in the principal States and producing areas of the South, based on an annual inquiry as to the details of costs, on area surveys, and on other available information. Costs per acre are shown for eight classes of cost factors and the costs per bushel or per pound are computed. Released in "Crops and Markets".

THE FARM REAL ESTATE SITUATION

The Farm Real Estate Situation - Annual report in the regular Circular series of the Department of Agriculture. It reviews briefly the general situation and discusses values in the separate geographical divisions and States, and such items as causes of change in values, change in farm ownership including fore-closures and forced and voluntary sales, farm-mortgage credit and taxes, and other factors bearing upon the farm real estate situation. Free upon request.

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION

Digest of Federal and State Legislation Affecting Rural Land Use is a summary of current legislation (Federal and State) relating to the field of land economics and land planning, introduced and enacted. Emphasis is on land use problems but digests of important legislation in the general field of agriculture are included - marketing, insurance and credit, and rural welfare. Annual reports, summarizing the outstanding legislation enacted during each year, are distributed free to State and Federal workers and others requesting them.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE REPORTS

Farm Real Estate Taxes - This report on farm real estate taxes, in the form of taxes per acre, indexes of taxes per acre, and taxes per \$100 of real estate value, is issued each year, to cover the levies of the previous calendar year. Each of the three series is issued by States and geographic divisions. The first two series cover the period from 1890 to date; and the third series covers the period from 1909 to date. In all States where possible the data represent sample farms for which acreage and tax figures are gathered from local-government officials. In other States corresponding data are obtained from county agricultural agents, or voluntary crop reporters, or from farmers whose names are selected by local officials. For certain States the

agricultural experiment stations have furnished the field records. The reports are so weighted as to give estimates that cover all farms in all counties, rather than only farms and counties reporting. Issued as a processed report and published in "Agricultural Finance Review".

Farm Bookkeeping and the Federal Income Tax presents some of the requirements for making adequate summaries of the farm business for Federal income tax returns. Problems of record keeping are discussed in relation to the prevailing laws and regulations governing income tax reporting. The discussion covers such subjects as choosing the tax year, choosing the accounting methods, farm income, farm expenses, and nonfarm receipts and expenditures. Free upon request.

Farm Mortgage Loans of Leading Lending Agencies - This statistical report shows the amount of outstanding farm-mortgage loans by States, held by leading lending agencies at the end of each year. Data are included for the Federal land banks and Land Bank Commissioner, life insurance companies, joint stock land banks, commercial banks and three State credit agencies. Issued annually in "Agricultural Finance Review".

Agricultural Loans of Commercial Banks - This report contains data on agricultural loans held by all insured commercial banks, by States, as of December 31 and June 30. Loans are classified into two groups: (1) personal and collateral loans and (2) loans secured by farm real estate. Issued annually in "Agricultural Finance Review". Earlier data are contained in Technical Bulletin 321, "Agricultural Loans of Commercial Banks".

Estimated Total Farm Mortgage Debt - These estimates of total farm mortgage debt and number of farms mortgaged, by tenure and by States, are issued for census years. Annual estimates of total mortgage debt by States cover the period from 1910 to date. The estimates for intercensal years are based on holdings of leading agencies and upon data relating to mortgages filed and released for other agencies. Data for recent years are issued annually in "Agricultural Finance Review" and for earlier years are published in "Farm Mortgage Credit Facilities in the United States", Miscellaneous Publication 478.

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Farmer Bankruptcies - A report on bankruptcy data is issued annually. The reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1940 and for following years show, by States, the total number of bankruptcy cases filed, the number filed by farmers, and the percentage farmer cases are of the total. Similar data are shown in previous reports except that they are for cases concluded rather than cases filed. Earlier reports also carry figures on the number of bankruptcies concluded in occupational groups other than farmers-information which was not available for the 1940 report. All reports contain an analysis by States of the

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County Distribution of Agricultural Loans for Selected Lending Agencies - This series of State reports presents data on agricultural loans for selected lending agencies, by counties. Data include personal and collateral loans held by commercial banks and outstanding loans of the production credit associations, the Farm Security Administration, and the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Offices. Farm-mortgage loans of the Federal land banks and the Land Bank Commissioner are also included. Such reports are available for July 1, 1940, January 1, 1941, and June 30, 1942. More comprehensive State reports are also available which include in addition (1) State data on loans to farmers' cooperative organizations, total farm-mortgage debt, interest rates and charges, cash farm income, farm-land values and transfers, delinquencies, and debt adjustment and (2) agricultural loans held on January 1, 1935, and July 1, 1940 by insured commercial banks classified by type of security for each county. Issued periodically.

Deposits of Country Banks - Indexes of net demand deposits of member banks of the Federal Reserve System, located in places of less than 15,000 population, are compiled for four groups of States. One group consists of the 20 leading agricultural States, excluding California, corrected for seasonal variation. The second group includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and South Carolina. The third group includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska. The fourth group includes Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The monthly indexes have 1924-29 monthly average as the base. Issued annually in "Agricultural Finance Review". Monthly data available in typewritten form. Earlier data are available in Technical Bulletin 575, "Demand Deposits of Country Banks".

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The Agricultural Finance Review is an annual report issued each November in processed form. It consists of a review of current developments and research in the field of farm credit, farm insurance, and farm taxation. In addition to short articles on various aspects of these subjects, a bibliography of the literature on agricultural finance is included and a statistical appendix giving detailed data by States and geographic divisions of loans of leading lending agencies, both long-term and short-term, data on farm real estate taxes, and related information. It is distributed free upon request.

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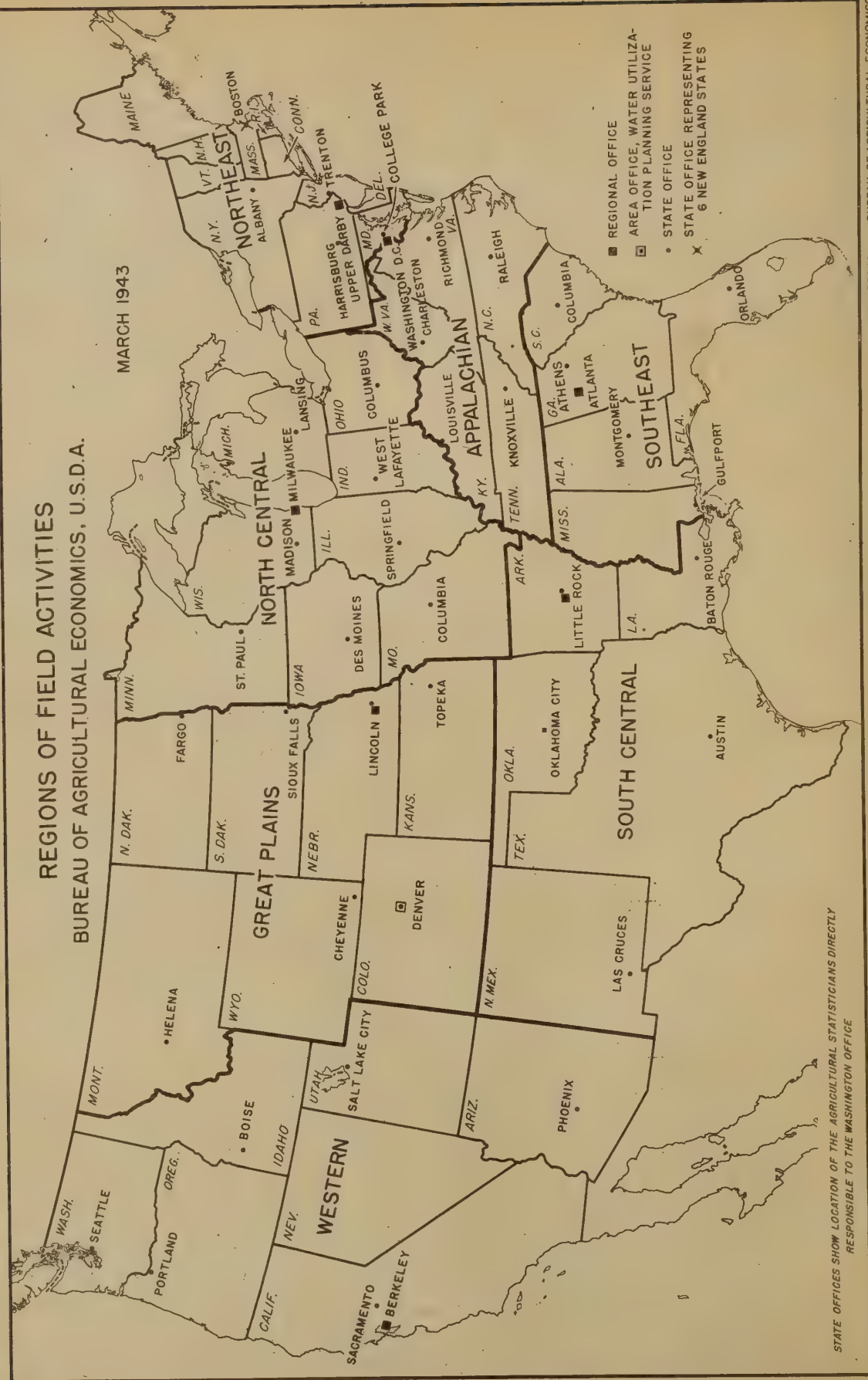
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